

HOUSE RESOLUTION 119
By Hagood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate GaNelle Roberts on the celebration of her 60th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, GaNelle Roberts will celebrate her 60th birthday on January 13, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, an Alabama Junior Woman of the Year, Mrs. Roberts attended the University of Alabama and the University of South Alabama, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in English and biology and minors in history and political science; and

WHEREAS, GaNelle Roberts began her career in education as an English teacher at Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama, where she coached the debate team and was the yearbook sponsor. In 1973, she went to Memphis Preparatory School, where she taught English, sponsored the yearbook, and founded and sponsored the school newspaper; and

WHEREAS, from 1981 to 1990, Mrs. Roberts was a broker for Marx and Bensdorf Real Estate and Investment Company, with management responsibility for the East Memphis office; and

WHEREAS, GaNelle Roberts has excelled in her profession, and is a proven top producer with career sales in excess of \$100,000,000; she holds positions of trust and leadership in both the community and the real estate industry; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Mrs. Roberts has been the principal broker and owner of GaNelle Roberts Realtors, a highly respected and much sought after residential brokerage company specializing in corporate relocation and sales of both first-time buyers and upper end properties; and

WHEREAS, GaNelle Roberts was responsible for management and marketing of the residential development of Tournament Players Club at Southwind in Memphis through 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Roberts' stature in her profession is reflected by her having served as First and Second Vice President and Director of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors, State Director for six years of the Tennessee Association of Realtors, as a member of the National Association of Realtors, as past president of the Women's Council of Realtors, as past president and vice president of the Multi-Million Dollar Club, as a graduate of the 1990 Leadership Memphis Class, and as a Certified Residential Specialist designee; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Shelby County, GaNelle Roberts is a highly respected member of the Germantown community, and is a co-founder of the Jim Roberts Spirit of Golf Foundation, a co-founder and past president of the Lady Tigers Support Group for the University of Memphis, a charter member of the Germantown Animal Welfare League, Chairperson of the National Association March of Dimes Mothers' March, and past president of the Junior Women's League; and

WHEREAS, for 39 years Mrs. Roberts shared her life in marriage with Jim Roberts until his death in 1998; she enjoys the love and support of her three daughters Mary Anne Gibson, Susan Roberts Cayce and our own State Representative Jamie Hagood, her sons-in-law, and her five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, GaNelle Roberts is also an active member of the Germantown United Methodist Church and expresses her artistic interests through painting, interior design, floral design, landscape design and horticulture. She also enjoys travel, golf and reading; and

WHEREAS, as GaNelle Roberts enters her sixth decade, her boundless energy, enormous creativity, enthusiasm for community and professional causes, and involvement with family continue unabated; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate GaNelle Roberts on the celebration of her 60th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.